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REMARKS


Applicant has amended claim 28 in response to the examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. It is submitted that no new issues are raised by this amendment, as it is in fact largely intended to respond to the examiner's objections.

The rejection of the claims over the prior art references to Muntner, et al., taken with either Bishop or Frey, and further taken with Wang is contested. Muntner, et al. discloses no support elements at all. Muntner's system is apparently successful without the need for support elements. The examiner proposes to add in support elements in view of Bishop or Frey. However, there is no suggestion to make this combination in that Muntner, et al. would only be further complicating its system, which lacks support elements.

Even with the above combination, the claim 25 is not met. Thus, the examiner must now point to the Wang reference to show a proposed shape for a support element. Again, there is no suggestion to modify any shape into Muntner, et al. as modified by Bishop and Frey. The only true suggestion to combine these references as proposed is to follow applicant's disclosure. This is, of course, improper hindsight. An indication of allowability of all claims is in order and is requested.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



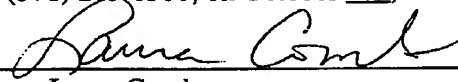
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